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Applicant: Akira ARAI et al

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Title: MAGNETIC POWDER, MANUFACTURING METHOD
OF MAGNETIC POWDER AND BONDED MAGNETS

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6.		Chang, W.C. et al, "Magnetic Properties Enhancement of Alpha-Fe/Nd ₂ Fe ₁₄ B-Type Nanocomposites by Co Substitution", Journal of Applied Physics, American Institute of Physics, New York, Vol. 83, No. 4, 15 Feb. 1998, pps. 2147-2151.

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7.		Communication from Korean Patent Office re: counterpart application No. 10-2001-0031391

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